

PENDING CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 – 6. (Canceled)

7. (New) A method for limiting peak transmit power in a CDMA communication system, comprising the steps of:

determining a high power and a low power region for each of a plurality of communication signals over a transmission time frame;

determining a plurality of time offsets, from a time reference, for said plurality of communication signals to reduce coinciding high power regions of said plurality of communication signals over said transmission time frame, and increasing coinciding low power region of at least one of said plurality of communication signals to high power region of another one of said plurality of communication signals over said transmission time frame;

summing said plurality of communication signals in accordance with said plurality of time offsets;

transmitting said summed communication signal over said transmission time frame.

8. (New) An apparatus for limiting peak transmit power in a CDMA communication system, comprising the steps of:

means for determining a high power and a low power region for each of a plurality of communication signals over a transmission time frame;

means for determining a plurality of time offsets, from a time reference, for said plurality of communication signals to reduce coinciding high power regions of said plurality of communication signals over said transmission time frame, and increasing coinciding low power region of at least one of said plurality of communication signals to

high power region of another one of said plurality of communication signals over said transmission time frame;

means for summing said plurality of communication signals in accordance with said plurality of time offsets;

a transmitter for transmitting said summed communication signal over said transmission time frame.